

CLAIMS

5 What is claimed is:

1. A surveillance system having a plurality of video cameras disposed on a common network and adapted for communicating with a computer system via a common network, the system comprising:

- 10 a. a plurality of cameras;
- b. a digitizer for each camera;
- c. a network interface for each camera;
- d. each camera communicating with a computer system through the network interface.

15 2. The system if claim 1, further comprising a compressor associated with each camera in advance of the network interface.

 3. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is an archival server.

20 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the computer system is a personal computer connected to the network.